

# Continuing Operation of the BKK Landfills



## Information Fact Sheet

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BKK Corporation, operator of the BKK Landfills, has notified the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency that it does not have sufficient funds to continue operating essential landfill functions beyond November 17, 2004. As a result, DTSC has hired Engineering/Remediation Resources Group, Inc. (ERRG) to ensure continuity of essential landfill operations and maintenance of the facility located at 2210 South Azusa Avenue, West Covina, CA. (Please see Figure 1 on page 3.) ERRG has extensive experience designing, building and running landfill systems.

### Continuity of Critical Facility Operations

Critical facilities that must be operated and maintained at the BKK site include the groundwater and leachate extraction systems, a gas extraction system, and the onsite leachate treatment plant (LTP). Continued operation of these facilities and maintenance of the landfill caps is essential to prevent releases of hazardous substances. Some systems, such as the gas collection system, must be operated 24 hours per day.

DTSC intends to seek reimbursement for ERRG's costs and will pursue enforcement action against parties responsible for care of the facility. DTSC expects those parties to assume their legal obligations for short- and long-term operation and maintenance of the facility.

### Additional Information

DTSC will keep you updated on the status of this project. In the meantime, if you have additional questions, please direct them to the following DTSC contacts:

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## Site History

The BKK site is located on 583 acres in a mixed residential and industrial area within the City of West Covina. Several homes are located within 25 to 50 feet of the southwest boundary of BKK.

There are two landfills on the BKK property: a closed mixed hazardous and municipal waste landfill ("Class I") and an inactive/closing municipal solid waste landfill ("Class III"). Most of the site remains under the ownership of the BKK Corporation. A small portion is owned by the City of West Covina.

The Class I landfill is approximately 190 acres. It accepted 3.4 million tons of liquid and solid hazardous waste as well as non-hazardous wastes until 1984.

The Class III landfill is approximately 175 acres. This landfill accepted municipal wastes until 1996. The LTP treats leachate from both landfills and treats contaminated groundwater.

## Information Repositories

Information is available at the following locations or you can visit DTSC's Web site at [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).

West Covina Public Library  
1601 West Covina Parkway  
West Covina, California 91790

Walnut Public Library  
21155 La Puente Road  
Walnut, California 91789

Documents about the BKK site can also be reviewed at the following location:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
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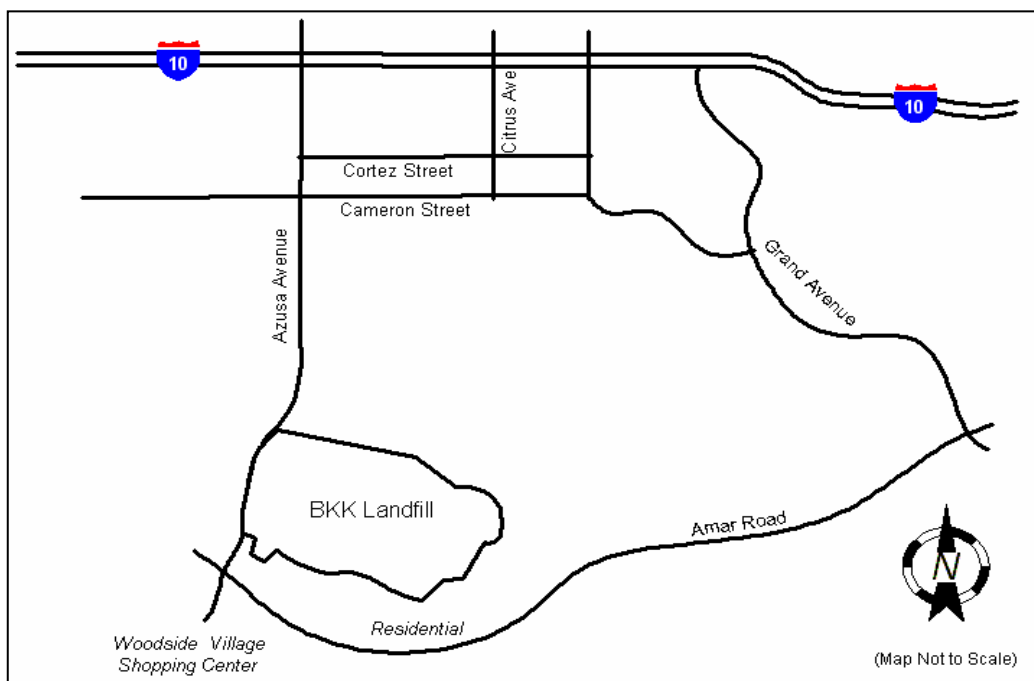
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## Anuncio

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**Figure 1, Site Location**

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